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ARTICLE X RESERVATION IS REVISED

WAR PROLONGED BY NAVAL DELAY SIMS DECLARES

Failure to Place Nation's Sea Fighters at Allied Disposal Promptly Cost Lives and Money Admiral Says

Washington, Mar. 9.—Rear Admiral Sims today told the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war that the failure of the navy department to act promptly on recommendations and to place the country's entire naval resources at the disposal of the allies within six months after the United States entered the war, prolonged the struggle for at least four months. He added that it also unnecessarily jeopardized the outcome.

Declaring that 3000 lives were lost and \$100,000,000 spent every day of the war, the admiral said the conclusions from his statement were obvious.

Admiral Sims said his criticisms were directed at the navy's work in 1917 and "had nothing to do with the significant way the navy functioned in 1918 after it really got into the war."

Navy Not Prepared The navy, he said, was not properly prepared in April 1917. He denied that his statements constituted "an attack" on any one and characterized as "ridiculous" statements that he was attacking civilian control of the navy department which, he said, was essential.

"I am at the end of my career and have nothing to gain and all to lose," said Admiral Sims.

He wished to be set right in the eyes of the country and to refuse widespread criticisms that he was "throwing mud at the navy," Admiral Sims declared. He said he raised no question of the efficiency of the navy's participation in the war, viewed in its entirety and without regard to the time element and was unable to adequately express his admiration for the navy's performance in the war "insofar as the machinery that controlled it permitted."

Declaring he had raised questions about the efficiency of the navy solely because he had felt it his duty to point out errors, the admiral said he had been "much embarrassed by implications of insubordination and impropriety."

He also vigorously attacked what he characterized as "efforts to convict me of divided allegiance" and of being "pro-British" saying that he happened to be born in Canada because his mother went there on a visit.

"If they didn't want a man who was pro-British and pro-French to sit in the councils of the allies why didn't they send a pro-German who had a trunk full of bombs?" asked the admiral.

Admiral Sims said he repeatedly asked the department to relieve him if he had lost its confidence.

When the admiral consulted regarding a statement the committee requested until tomorrow without cross questioning him, his statement set forth in detail his criticisms of the navy department's method of conducting its participation in the war.

Federation To Meet In Gervais A volume of unfinished business, and the plans of standardizing potatoes in the county, will be taken up at the meeting tonight, in Gervais at 8 o'clock, of the Marion County Community Federation. The question of centralizing on one or two varieties of potatoes was taken up at the last meeting of the federation a month ago. It met with much favor at that time, and committees were named from each delegation to sound the attitude in the various sections of the county. They will report at this meeting. Prof. G. B. Hiepel, of O. A. C., will talk on the issue.

The Salem delegation, composed of Luther J. Chapin, W. C. Franklin and T. E. McCuskey, accompanied by Oscar Steelhammer, secretary of the business men's league, an others, will attend.

West Virginia Senators Racing For Charleston To Break Vote Deadlock

Charleston, W. Va., Mar. 9.—Senator A. R. Montgomery, listed as an anti-suffragist, arrived in Charleston today, and it was announced by opponents of the Anthony amendment he would break the deadlock in the senate this afternoon and allow that body to adjourn before Senator Bloch, the suffragist, who is hastening here from California, could arrive to vote for ratification.

Chicago, Mar. 9.—Senator Bloch, the suffragist, who is hastening to Charleston, W. Va., in an attempt to break the deadlock in the senate on the Anthony amendment, will leave Chicago at noon on a special train for Cincinnati. He expects to arrive at Cincinnati at 8 o'clock.

Charleston, W. Va., Mar. 9.—Senator A. R. Montgomery some time ago sold his West Virginia holdings and moved to Illinois. He never resigned from the senate, however. Suffragists declared they would oppose his vote on the ground that he is no longer a resident of the state.

It was said at the state house that anti-suffragist leaders had planned to have Senator Montgomery take his seat in the senate when that body convenes this afternoon and then force consideration of a motion for final adjournment. Senator Montgomery, they declared, would vote with them and that when Senator Bloch arrived early tomorrow the senate would not be in session, and the resolution to indorse the amendment would have been defeated.

MINE WORKERS TO REFUSE FINDINGS UNLESS FAVORABLE

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 9.—The United Mine Workers will refuse to accept the finding of the bituminous coal commission unless a substantial increase in wages and improved working conditions are provided, it was inferred in a statement issued today from headquarters of the organization. Officials of the mine workers were absent from the city and those in charge of the office refused to comment on the statement.

Unless a settlement of the controversy is made on such a basis, the statement says, the miners will not feel "that full justice has been done them." The bituminous coal commission was appointed by President Wilson to work out a suitable wage scale for the miners and report on any plans for improving living conditions, after the war.

"There has been a steady increase in the cost of living since the first of the year," reads the statement, "in spite of the fact that the government represented to labor last summer that living costs would be reduced and that the government would see to it that this was done. Further promises of reductions in the cost of living would fall on deaf ears, as far as the coal miners are concerned, because they have had their experience with such promises in the past, all of which have gone unfulfilled."

Governor Edwards Accepts Offer To Join Camel Order

Milwaukee, Wis., Mar. 9.—Governor Edwards of New Jersey today advised the headquarters of the Order of Camels here of his acceptance of an invitation to participate in the organization banquet of the order in New York, March 30. More than 2500 men are expected to attend. Other speakers will discuss the principles of the order and announce its plans in the forthcoming fight for personal liberty and the repeal of the eighteenth amendment on prohibition. In his letter of acceptance Governor Edwards declared it was his intention to carry the battle to the democratic national convention.

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In the case of The Capital Journal the demand is immediately met. The Capital Journal is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

IT PAYS, ETC. New York, Mar. 9.—An order on the Bank of Montreal entitling bearer to \$1,200,000 in railroad bonds was picked up in the street in the financial district yesterday by Harry Hahn, a 17 year old clerk. Noting the brokerage firm signature on the order the youth delivered the paper at its office. A reward of \$2 was given to him with the advice "that he was an honest lad and probably would make his way in the world."

PROBE BY CORONER OF DOUBLE MURDER SHOWS DOUBLE LIFE

Chicago, Mar. 9.—Some of the details of the dual life Clifford M. Bleyer, president of an advertising agency which bears his name, were heard today by a murder and suicide, or double murder, according to facts brought before the county coroner. Late last night, in an apartment in a fashionable neighborhood, the bodies of Bleyer and Mrs. Ruth Randall were found dead in bed. Mrs. Bleyer was at her home awaiting word from friends who were searching for her husband who had been missing since Saturday night.

Mrs. Randall, a vivacious pretty woman 27 years old was divorced from her soldier husband, Norman Brown Randall, and had been employed as an advertising writer. Excerpts from a diary which was found in the apartment disclosed the fact that she and Bleyer had been intimately associated for at least a year.

From the position in which the bodies were lying when the police, with some of Bleyer's friends, burst into the apartment, a coroner's jury decided that Mrs. Randall shot Bleyer as he was sleeping beside her and then turned upon herself, a cheap revolver—upon herself. Tending to strengthen their opinion, there was found a poem in the woman's handwriting, somewhat clever as to meter and rhyme, but almost maudlin in sentiment, which foretold the dramatic conclusion of the two lives.

District Freight Office Shifted; Salem Losing Out

Salem will no longer be the headquarters for the Southern Pacific district freight agent under a ruling just issued by the company, which effects the removal of Henry D. Morse, district freight agent from this city to Eugene. Mr. Morse left Salem for his new headquarters Monday night. The removal of the offices of the district freight agent from this city and the re-establishment of district passenger agent at Eugene from Junction City, is done for the purpose in the opinion of local railroad men, of centralizing these important offices in the state. The proximity of Salem to Portland is held detrimental to the conduct of these offices when both can be combined at a central point like Eugene.

While in this city Mr. Morse took an active part in civic events and was a member of the Salem Commercial club. He has many friends here. He resided in the Oregon building.

Sale Of Federal Freight Steamers Announced Today

Washington, Mar. 9.—Sale of seven freighters of about 3000 tons each to foreign corporations was announced today by the shipping board. The vessels brought \$200 a deadweight ton. Four, the Lake Forest, Lake Capens, Lake Clear and Lake Port, went to the Lloyd Royal Beige and three, the Lake Felicity, Lake Charles and Lake Duane, went to the Societe Maritime Francaise.

The board also announced the sale of the Lake Pecos, 3000 tons to the International Maritime company at New York at \$200 a deadweight ton.

REDS TAKE HEADWAYS

Warsaw, Mar. 9.—Polish forces attacked bluehevik troops in the vicinity of Stozir and Kolesovitz southeast of Minsk Sunday morning and captured three important railway junctions and much war material. One thousand red soldiers and many officers were taken prisoner.

Horses are bringing 20,000 marks in parts of Germany.

HOSPITAL DRIVE MEETS GENEROUS RESPONSE SO FAR

Large Subscriptions from Gile Company and Chas. Bishop to Fund Swell Total; Success Believed Assured

Encouraging reports from canvassing committees, and the welcome attitude of persons in the downtown district who have been solicited, assures success to the Salem General Hospital campaign for \$100,000. It was announced at the campaign headquarters in the Commercial club Tuesday noon. It was expected that \$20,000 or more would be taken by committees working Tuesday, and if such support would be met for the next three days, it was said, the goal would be reached.

Hard working committees who Monday covered much of the business district report late at night at headquarters with \$23,000. Much opposition and inclination to obstruct the movement, as well as generous encouragement and support was encountered on every hand, they said.

Large Subscriptions In. The largest subscription taken thus far was from H. S. Gile, of the H. S. Gile & company, whose letter announcing his willingness to subscribe \$2000 was received at headquarters Tuesday. Another generous donation, coming in reply to a wire from William McGilchrist, chairman of the campaign, that the fund was being taken, was received in the form of the following letter Tuesday from Chas. P. Bishop, now at Los Angeles. The letter reads:

"My dear Billie: Telegram received; sounds good. I am anxious to see a hospital in Salem that we will be proud of. Put me down for \$1000. Yours, Chas. P. Bishop."

From \$5000 to \$2000 may be given by the members of the electrical union here, with whom Mr. McGilchrist and Walter Denton, of the publicity committee, met Monday evening. The electricians voiced whole-hearted support to the campaign, and another conference will be held with them tonight when the amount they will be able to donate is expected to be announced.

Teams Working Hard. Every captain was out with his men Tuesday, enthusiastic in their task of panning the public spirited and merciful in the city. Mrs. G. C. Bellinger, chairman of the women's committee, was recruiting her campaigners Tuesday morning preparatory to aiding in the gigantic battle for funds.

"We're absolutely sure of going over with this," J. F. Hutchesson, colonel of one of the teams, declared Tuesday. "There is no doubt that we will if every one will contribute to the extent of their ability."

Campaign leaders met with members of the committee of the Tri-county Medical society Monday night and received assurance that at least \$8400 would be given by physicians in and near Salem. Further solicitation among the doctors will be made in an effort to swell this amount.

Humor Rode High Seas With Death, Sea Officer Says

Grim humor stalked the high seas, while white caps rolled mountain high and death rode aboard submarines beneath the inky, black swells, according to Commander J. H. Blackburn, who told of his experiences as commander of the U. S. transport Leviathan during the war, in a talk at the business men's luncheon Monday noon.

On one of the trips the Leviathan made across the Atlantic, 7000 negroes were aboard. About midcoast Father Neptune waxed exceedingly witty; giant ships being tossed about the small chips as they rode over his heaving bosom.

At about two o'clock in the morning one night Commander Blackburn said he was walking down one of the decks, by word he saw a man kneeling at the railing. Through the darkness his uncertain light discerned the upturned hands, as in supplication. The Commander walked nearer and listened. "Great, good Lord," it was one of the negro doughboys. "I'm not 'frail to go over there into France. Ain't even scared to go over the top and into them there trenches. I kin even eat them bullets, but, please Lord make this here ocean come to attention."

The Leviathan carried the captain of the Destroyer Vernon, that had been torpedoed by a Hun submarine, to New York from Liverpool. The captain told of a colored chieftain in the galley of the Vernon at the time she was hit.

"Sambo," he asked the negro. "What happened in here when the shot struck?"

PEOPLE WHO KNEW HOOVER

Friends say That Hoover Chops Wood While Party Leaders Invite "Please Come To Our House."

By Will Carver "What party does Herbert Hoover line up with, anyway?" Whenever the relief man's name is mentioned in any conversation, this question recurs frequently. "If Hoover comes out for the democratic party, I'm through with him," was the statement made recently by a stalwart republican of Salem. "Though," he added, "there is no doubt but that he is one of the really big men of the present day."

On the other hand, partisan feeling is just as strong on the Bourbon side of the fence. One avowed democrat, who is just as prominent and as stalwart as the aforementioned republican, expressed himself in this style, "Now, Ber's a democrat, that's all there is to it. He wouldn't be the man he is if he did not believe in democratic principles."

And so the battle rages. According to many of Ber's followers, the efficiency, justice and broad mindedness shown by Hoover during his execution of the duties and responsibilities arising from relief administration work are not to be claimed for him as personal qualities; but only as necessary virtues acquired by some particular party alignment.

The following story is submitted by Mrs. W. E. Burns, who with her husband recently came to Salem as representative of the GMC trucks, and who have established their home in this city. Perhaps this story will throw light upon the mystery of Hoover's political affiliations.

Mrs. Burns says: "I had not met Hoover while in Stanford, but I knew people that knew him. I entered college the fall after Herbert Hoover had graduated and many of my acquaintances were his personal friends.

"There was one story that college friends were laughing over, that tradition said was his favorite tale. I have thought of it many times since Hoover has refused so positively to allow the democrats or the republicans to annex him to their respective parties. The story runs thus:

"There had been company at dinner in the family of one of the old California republican office holders—one of the 'dyed in the wool republicans' type. The conversation had turned on some rascality that had been attempted by a group of San Francisco politicians, and the matter was discussed quite thoroughly.

"The next morning the hostess heard her two small sons talking over the matter. Finally the older one spoke up triumphantly. 'Well, anyway our mayor isn't a thief!'

"The younger, aged six, looked up in amazement. Then he shook his head solemnly. 'No, James,' he said, 'no, he isn't a thief,' and then he added in a low, almost awe struck tone, 'but he's—a—he's a-a democrat!'

"And," Mrs. Burns concludes, "perhaps it was this youngster's apt delineation of the political game may have had its influence in causing him to work straight ahead, regardless."

Man With Liquor Is Arrested Here

Seen by Officer Lee Morozick stepping from the Oregon Electric train at the depot here at 9:45 a. m. with three quart bottles of moonshine liquor protruding from his pockets, George Zook, 25, was arrested and placed in the city jail under a charge of bringing liquor into a dry territory. He will probably be taken before Police Judge Race in the afternoon to plead.

Zook said that he bought the liquor in Albany, where he claims to reside. He said that he paid \$24 for the three quarts. He had not been drinking it, although he claimed he bought it for his own use.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS ASSENT TO MODIFICATION RESERVATION SAYS DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON TODAY

President's Declaration That All Qualifications Are "Virtual Nullifications" Of Pact, In Letter To Hitchcock Gives New Angle To Ratification Fight.

Washington, March 9.—A modified draft of the republican article ten reservation to the peace treaty is understood to have been assented to today by a number of republican leaders working with the democrats for a ratification compromise.

The new reservation was said to follow in general the outline of the original republican proposal adopted last November, but to contain a number of changes in wording agreed to at the suggestion of democrats.

Republican senators seemed confident that the new reservation would have the approval of Senator Lodge. It was understood, however, that the democratic leader, Senator Hitchcock, had not assented to it.

Democratic senators were slow in promising their support, while they weighed the meaning of the letter written to Senator Hitchcock yesterday by President Wilson, reiterating his opposition to any reservation which would impair "the full force" of article 10.

Washington, Mar. 9.—President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock outlining anew his stand on reservations to the peace treaty, gave a new angle today to the ratification fight in the senate, where debate has been limited by unanimous consent in an effort to hurry a decision.

Although the president did not say what reservations he would accept or reject, he declared that almost all the qualifications suggested were "in effect virtual nullification" of the pact.

To weaken article 10 of the league of nations covenant, he said, would be to cut the "very heart" from it.

Special interest was evidenced in that part of the letter dealing with militaristic ambitions of other great powers. The president declared that "imperialistic policies were by no means dead in the councils of the nations whom we most trust." Without article 10, he said, there could be no certainty of renunciation of plans for territorial aggrandizement at the expense of weaker peoples. The president mentioned specifically in this connection that Great Britain and Japan before the war had begun to find many interests in common in the Pacific.

Washington, Mar. 9.—President Wilson restated for democratic senators late Friday his opposition to any peace treaty reservations which would weaken the full force of article ten of materially impair provisions of the league covenant.

The letter was written in response to a request that he confer with Senator Simmons of North Carolina, in charge of the democratic side of the senate in current negotiations for a compromise follows:

Letter to Hitchcock. "My dear Senator Hitchcock—I understand one or two of your colleagues do me the honor of desiring to know what my views are with reference to article ten of the league of nations and the effect upon the league of the adoption of certain proposed reservations to that article. I welcome the opportunity to throw any light I can upon a subject which has become so singularly beleaguered by misapprehensions and misinterpretations of every kind.

"There is no escaping the moral obligations which are expressed in positive terms in this article of the covenant.

"We won a moral victory over Germany far greater even than the military victory won on the field of battle because the opinion of the world swung to our support and the support of the nations associated with us in the great struggle. It did so because of our common profession and promise that we meant to establish an organization of peace which should make certain that the combined power of free nations would check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international re-adjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned, shall be sanctioned. This promise and assurance were written into the preliminary of the armistice and into the preliminaries of the peace itself and constitute one of the most sacred obligations ever assumed by any nation or body of nations. It is unthinkable that America should set the example of ignoring such a solemn moral engagement.

ROBERTS NORMALLY RATIONAL DECLARE JAILORS IN COURT

Monteano, Wash., Mar. 9.—Loren Roberts, one of the ten alleged I. W. W. on trial here for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim, for whom a plea of insanity has been entered, is normally rational, in the opinion of his two jailors, according to their testimony at the trial today.

J. B. Cooper and Roy Innon, under whose observation Roberts has been since his incarceration in the Gray Harbor county jail, testified today in effect, that the prisoner behaved about the same as did other prisoners, with the exception that he was not very talkative. When he does talk, they said, his conversation is rational. His appetite has been good in jail, they testified. Neither of the jailors had ever heard Roberts speak of Vandever, defense counsel, as being Colonel Brice Dique, recent head of spruce production in the northwest. Defense testimony had alluded to such a purported delusion.

Several alienists were present today to take the stand and testify as to Roberts' mental condition.

War Hero Fears Only Humble And Tiny Bumble Bee

Coasur, or some other ancient hero, feared nothing but toothache; Napoleon would fight the world if only he could sleep. Another exponent of the principles of Mars was humbled only by the pitiful cry of a babe.

But here's a modern hallucination of fright.

Commander J. H. Blackburn, U. S. N., who is visiting in Salem fears nothing but a humble bee. During the war Commander Blackburn was in charge of the largest ship afloat. Day after day, night after night, he stood on the bridge of the Leviathan, his firm chin, gold, gray eyes, entire attitude, bespoke defiance of every death dealing menace beneath, above, in front, behind—wherever the god of war would direct.

It took only a playful bee, buzzing lazily through its flight over the hills east of Liverpool, to stiffen the hair on Blackburn's head. He says he is "scared to death" of a bee.

Jealous Spouses Burn Barber Shop Of Woman Barber

Sawtelle, Cal., Mar. 9.—Jealous wives of men whom she had been shaving in her barber shop are responsible, the police said today, for the destruction by fire last night of Mrs. Emma Arnold's place of business here.

Mrs. Arnold's former shop was burned Christmas eve. She opened a new one. Then she began to get threatening letters in feminine handwriting, warning her to quit the barbering business or take the consequences.

American Killed By Mexican Clerk

Washington, Mar. 9.—Raymond Coreoran, an American citizen, was murdered by his Mexican clerk Saturday February 29, according to advice to the state department today from the American consul at Nuevo Laredo.

"I feel that I could not look the soldiers of our gallant armies in the face and if I did not do everything in my power to remove every obstacle in the way of the adoption of this particular article of the covenant, because we made these pledges to them as well as to the rest of the world and it was to this cause they deemed themselves devoted in a spirit of crusaders. I should be forever unfaithful to them if I did not do my utmost to fulfill the high

THIS SOLDIER IS "CROOKED"

London, Feb. 9.—John Farrington, a seaman, who has been in the army five years, has been 14 times court-martialed, spent four and a half years under detention, and was never aboard, according to army records. He is now serving three years penal servitude for theft of postal drafts.

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